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SUBJECT:MUNSINGWEAR, INC., MINNEAPOLIS MINNESOTA
TRADEMARK APPLICATION FOR "PENGUIN DESIGN"

MUNSINGWEAR, OWNER OF FOUR U.S. TRADEMARK REGISTRATIONS (673,912; 677,017; 796,003 AND 952,079) FOR "PENGUIN DESIGN" HAS ADVISED COMMERCE THAT ARGENTINE COURT JUDGE MANUEL WECHSLER HAS PETITIONED EMBASSY FOR CERTAIN INFORMATION IN CONNECTION WITH A COURT ACTION INVOLVING ITS TRADEMARK APPLICATION FOR "PENGUIN DESIGN" IN ARGENTINA. COMMERCE ALSO INFORMED THAT EMBASSY WAS UNABLE TO RESPOND IN ABSENCE OF INFORMATION BEING SOUGHT ACCORDING TO MUNSINGWEAR, PETITION SEEKS TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER MUNSINGWEAR (1) IS MANUFACTURER OF CLOTHING ITEMS, PARTICULARLY SPORTS CLOTHING; (2) IDENTIFIES ITS GOODS BY A TRADEMARK CONSISTING OF A PENGUIN FIGURE LOOKING OVER ITS RIGHT SHOULDER AND "WEARING A BOW TIE AND VEST; AND (3) OWNS THE ABOVE DESCRIBED "PENGUIN DESIGN" MARK, WHICH IS WELL KNOWN IN THE UNITED STATES. COMMERCE HAS RECEIVED A LETTER AND PERTI-
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NENT DOCUMENTATION FROM MUNSINGWEAR IN AFFIRMATIVE REPLY TO THE ABOVE SOUGHT INFORMATION.

ACTION: EMBASSY, IF NO OBJECTION PERCEIVED, IS REQUESTED TO PREPARE AND FORWARD TO THE AA"" ARGENTINE COURT JUDGE A RESPONSE TO HIS PETITION, STATING IN THE RESPONSE THAT (1) MUNSINGWEAR IS THE MANUFACTURER OF

CLOTHING PRODUCTS, PARTICULARLY SPORTWEAR; (2) IDENTIFIES ITS GOODS BY A TRADEMARK AS DESCRIBED IN (2) ABOVE; AND (3) OWNS THE ABOVE DESCRIBED "PENGUIN DESIGN" MARK, IN THE UNITED STATES, WHICH IS WELL KNOWN IN THIS COUNTRY.

RESPONSE IS TO BE MAILED OR HAND CARRIED TO COURT LOCATED AT PARANA 386, 1017 BUENOS AIRES. COURT WHERE ACTION IS PENDING IS IDENTIFIED AS JUZGADO NACIONAL EN LO CIVIL Y COMMERIO FEDERAL NUMERO 7 A CARGO DEL JUEZ MANUEL WECHSLER SECRETARIA L9 DEL DOCTOR RUDOLFO DE LORENZ, COURT FILE DOCKET IS TITLED AUTOS MUNSINGWEAR INC. C/FOLATO FILOMENA Y AUTRO S/OPOSICION OF MARCO CUADERNO DE PRUEBA DE LA PARTE ACTORA.

EMBASSY MAY COMMUNICATE WITH MUNSINGWEAR'S LOCAL ASSOCIATE, MR. BORIS NOVIKS, LAVALLE 1783, 1048 BUENOS AIRES, FOR FURTHER DETAILS OR INFORMATION REGARDING THE COURT PETITION, IN PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF THE RESPONSE TO THE COURT. CABLE REPLY REQUESTED ON EMBASSY'S ACTION ON THIS MATTER. VANCE

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